

## Fact Sheet July 2004

# FORMER ALISO STREET MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT SITE Los Angeles, California



## *Public Comments needed for a Proposed Cleanup*



The photo is of the Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant Site, Sector C, Block N

Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control and our role is to protect human health and the environment by overseeing the investigation and cleanup of the Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant Site.

This fact sheet describes our proposal to clean up chemicals in the soil and groundwater at the site, with the current focus on Sector C, Block N. The site is about 1.5 acres and is part of Sector C, one of five sectors of the entire Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant. The site is currently used for crude oil transfer and storage and is located southeast of downtown Los Angeles, California. The chemicals in the soil include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These are a group of chemicals that are found in crude oil and are a by-product of the gas manufacturing process.

### **Public Comment Period**

July 21, 2004 – August 20, 2004

Written comments on the Draft RAW and Draft Negative Declaration must be postmarked by August 20, 2004 and sent to Pete Cooke at the address listed on the next page.

*The Draft RAW and Draft Negative Declaration are available at the information repositories listed at the end of this fact sheet.*

We invite you to review and comment on our proposed cleanup plan. The cleanup plan is called a Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW). We also invite you to review the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Negative Declaration, our finding that the proposed cleanup actions, if approved as written, will not adversely affect the environment.

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## **Operations of the site**

The plant operated from 1876 through 1927 and was placed on reserve until 1941. From 1943 to 1947, the U.S. Defense Plant Corporation used the site to produce butadiene, a chemical used in the production of synthetic rubber. The plant closed in 1947 and was practically demolished by 1954, in part to make way for the construction of Highway 101. The large gas holders on Sector C were removed in 1973. The properties that make up the whole Former Aliso Street Manufactured Gas Plant have been redeveloped for industrial, commercial and governmental use.

The chemicals found in the soil and groundwater include VOCs (primarily benzene) and PAHs (primarily naphthalene), petroleum derivatives widely used in the chemical industry.

The Draft RAW proposes to dig up contaminated soil; it does not address the groundwater cleanup. Future actions include a proposed groundwater cleanup plan for the entire site. Please note that this groundwater is not used for drinking water.

## **Proposed cleanup to remove contaminated soil**

The site is not a risk to public health because the chemicals in the soil are below pavement. However, this proposal will allow future workers to safely occupy the site, regardless of paving.

Our proposal includes:

- Removing approximately 1174 cubic yards (about 1761 tons) of contaminated soil
- hauling the soil in trucks covered with tarps
- using large backhoes
- digging to 30 feet in the deepest parts

- hauling the soil to an approved facility in Lynwood or Kettleman City, California for disposal
- complete hauling activities over a period of less than 20 days
- backfilling the holes with clean soil
- compacting and grading

## **Managing the dust and traffic**

To protect the public, we propose to:

- lightly spray the soil with water to prevent dust
- cover the piles of soil with plastic
- do the work in stages to prevent large amounts of dirt pile up
- cover and secure the piles of soil and exposed areas at the end of every day

To make sure we do not cause traffic problems, we would:

- limit truck traffic to 50 trips per day
- limit trips to Monday through Friday

## **Effects on the environment of the cleanup action**

As required by CEQA, we studied the possible effects of the cleanup itself on the environment. For example, we examined if the digging and hauling disturb wildlife or habitat, cause dust pollution, or interfere with traffic patterns. These efforts are documented in an Initial Study. We determined that the cleanup would not have any significant negative effect on the environment. We describe our study and this conclusion in a Draft Negative Declaration that is available for review and comment during the same period as the Draft Removal Action Workplan and Initial Study.

## **More information at the library and at our agency's office**

The Draft Removal Action Workplan, Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available at

The Lincoln Heights Branch Library  
2530 Workman Street  
Los Angeles, CA.

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 N. Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201

Please contact Ms. Jone Barrio, in the File Room at (818) 551-2886 to make an appointment. File Room hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## **Where to send comments**

Comments must be postmarked or emailed by August 20, 2004, and sent to:

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## **Who to call at our agency for more information**

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***Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.***

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## **Notice of the Hearing Impaired**

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488 regarding the site.

*For more information about DTSC, please visit our website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).*

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- *be added to or taken off the mailing list*

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